



Senate

General Assembly

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File No. 470

Senate Bill No. 640

Senate, April 15, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of
2 Agriculture shall review the programs administered by the
3 Department of Agriculture in order to: (1) Evaluate the cost-
4 effectiveness and benefits of such programs; and (2) assign priority for
5 the continued funding of such programs. The commissioner shall
6 submit findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
7 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
8 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January
9 15, 2003, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
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Joint Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Department of Agriculture	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture to review the programs of the agency in order to assess the cost-effectiveness of the programs and assign priority for their continued funding. The Commissioner is required to submit findings and recommendations to the Appropriations Committee not later than January 15, 2003, and annually thereafter. This will not result in additional cost to the agency because the department already reports on their budget and program to the Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 640

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.****SUMMARY:**

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EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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